GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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RAILWAY TICKETS TO CANCER PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to provide confirmed railway tickets to the cancer patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the tatkal quota meant for this purpose has been increased; and

(d) if so, the details of increase in such quota in the trains plying through Western Central Railway Zone?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(DR. R.VELU)

(a) & (b) Instructions have been issued that the cancer patients and their attendants travelling on concessional tickets issued in exchange of concession certificate should be provided accommodation in the following sequence:-

i) From general quota, if vacant at the time of booking;

ii) From Cancer quota, to the extent available, wherever defined;

iii) From emergency quota of that class, to the extent available;

Thereafter, cancer patients and their attendants are issued tickets from general waiting list.

(c) No, Sir. Tatkal quota is meant for only full fare paying passengers and all concession holders including cancer patients travelling on concession are not allowed to book tickets under Tatkal scheme.

(d) Does not arise.